

August 25, 2011

The Honorable Jocelyn Boyd
Chief Clerk and Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

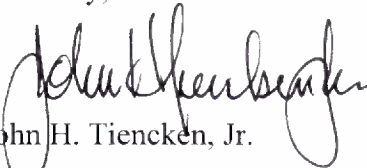
Re: Docket No. 2011-158-E, Application Regarding the Acquisition of Progress
Energy, Incorporated by Duke Energy Corporation and Merger of Progress
Energy Carolinas, Incorporated and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC
Request for Appointment of a Hearing Officer

Dear Ms. Boyd:

I am writing to request that the Commission consider appointing a hearing officer to handle procedural issues and motions in the above referenced docket. Central Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. and the Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina (joint intervenors in this case) believe that a hearing officer could assist the Commission and the parties in the expeditious and efficient processing of this docket.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



John H. Tiencken, Jr.

Enclosures: Cover Sheet
Certificate of Service